

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/08/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-12, 15-20, 23-31, and 33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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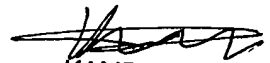
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 08/03/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


KAMBIZ ZAND
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responding to the Appeal Brief received on 05/05/06.
2. Claims 2-3, 13-14, 21-22, 32 and 34 are canceled.
3. Claims 1, 4-12, 15-20, 23-31, and 33 are pending.
4. An appeal conference has met and fully considered applicants' remarks in the Appeal Brief. The Conferees agreed with the applicants on the argument on the page 17-18 regarding to the limitation of "***an authcode cookie that is used for allowing said web client access only to said secure web pages***".
5. Examiner had a telephone conference with Attorney James O. Skarsten on August 3rd, 2006 and We agreed to the following Examiner's Amendment to bring the pending application to an Allowance stage. See below.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney James O. Skarsten on August 3rd, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace claims 1, 12, and 20

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Please cancel claims 2-3, 13-14, and 21-22

Claim 1.

A method of secure session management and authentication between a web site and a web client, said web site having secure and non-secure web pages, said method comprising the steps of:

a) utilizing a non-secure communication protocol and a session cookie when said web client requests access to said non-secure web pages; [[and]]

b) utilizing a secure communication protocol and an authcode cookie when said web client requests access to said secure web pages, so that utilizations of said authcode cookie are interspersed between utilizations of said session cookie, and at least some utilizations of said session cookie take place after utilizations of said authcode cookie;

c) requesting said session cookie from said web client whenever said web client requests access to said non-secure web pages and verifying said requested session cookie; and

d) requesting said authcode cookie from said web client whenever said web client requests access to said secure web pages and verifying said requested authcode cookie; and

wherein said method also comprises alternating between said secure communication protocol and said non-secure communication protocol when said web client alternates requests for access to said secure web pages and said non-secure

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web pages when said web client alternates requests for access to said secure web pages and said non-secure web pages, respectively, and also repeatedly alternating between said utilizations of said authcode and said utilizations of said session code.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Canceled)

Claim 12.

A system, for secure session management and authentication between a web site and a web client, said system comprising a web server, a web client and a communication channel, said web server coupled to said web client via said communication channel, said web server having a web site, said web site including:

a) secure and non-secure web pages;

b) a non-secure communication protocol and a session cookie that is used for allowing said web client access to each one of said non-secure web pages; [[and]]

c) a secure communication protocol and an authcode cookie that is used for allowing said web client access only to said secure web pages;

d) verification means for verifying said session cookie when said session cookie is requested from said web client; and

e) verification means for verifying said authcode cookie when said authcode cookie is requested from said web client;

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wherein said web server further comprises:

a security alternating means for alternating between said secure communication protocol and said non-secure communication protocol.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 20.

A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, said computer program providing for secure session management and authentication between a web site and a web client, said web site having secure and non-secure web pages, said computer program adapted to:

a) use a non-secure communication protocol and a session cookie when said web client requests access to said non-secure web pages; [[and]]

b) use a secure communication protocol and an authcode cookie when said web client requests access to said secure web pages;

c) request said session cookie from said web client when said web client requests access to said non-secure web pages and to verify said requested session cookie; and

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d) request said authcode cookie from said web client when said web client requests access to said secure web pages and to verify said requested authcode cookie;

wherein said computer program is further adapted to alternate between said secure communication protocol and said non-secure communication protocol when said web client alternates requests for access to said secure web pages and said non-secure web pages.

Claim 21. (Canceled)

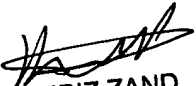
Claim 22. (Canceled)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linh LD Son whose telephone number is 571-272-3856. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6 (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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